

LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT
for September 29, 2004 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

P.A.S.: Miscellaneous #04003

PROPOSAL: Delete Section 3 and revise Section 4.2 of Chapter 2.30 of the City of Lincoln Design Standards. This application's intent is to correct the design standards regarding spacing and light bulb wattage for standard street lighting.

CONCLUSION: These text changes are correcting errors on a previous change and are cleaning up language to the City of Lincoln Design Standards.

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>	Approval
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

HISTORY:

On November 6, 2000, MISC 00006: To amend and to combine the Design Standards into a single document entitled, "The City of Lincoln Design Standards", was approved by City Council. L.E.S found the error and notified Dennis Bartels in Public Works.

ANALYSIS:

1. "Standard Lighting" is generally the street lighting found in the older parts of Lincoln before ornamental street lights were a requirement of the land subdivision ordinance. They are installed by L.E.S. upon petition of property owners or requested by the Mayor, City Council, Police, or Public Works.
2. L.E.S. initially proposed the spacing between lights and the wattage be changed in both ornamental street lighting and standard street lighting. Following Planning Commission public hearing in which there was opposition to the changes, the Planning Commission moved not to change the design standards. However when the design standards were submitted to the City Council the Planning Commission's recommendation to not change the **standard street lighting** language was omitted. The City Council adopted the design standards that included changes to the spacing and wattage of the lamp.
3. Engineering Services has reviewed the proposed revisions and recommends approval.
4. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has reviewed the proposed revisions and does not object to the approval of the revised design standards.

5. LES has reviewed the proposed revisions and does not object to the approval of the revised design standards.

Proposed Changes:

Delete "**Section 3. Responsibilities**" of this chapter.

4.2 Standard Street Lighting

LES will install/replace and maintain, "standard lighting" in any area where the City Council has not provided for "ornamental street lighting". The standard street light shall normally consist of a wood pole and bracket with a pendant luminaire. Wiring will be ~~overhead but may be underground at the discretion of LES Engineering~~ underground in areas with an underground source and overhead in areas with an overhead source. Whenever directed by the Public Works Department, wiring will be installed underground.

For residential areas, high pressure sodium vapor ~~70~~ 100 watt street lights will be located at street intersections and at approximate mid-block normal interval spacings of ~~240~~ 200 feet. Informal petitions signed by affected property owners or requests by the Mayor, City Council, Police Department or Public Works Department will precipitate investigation by Street Light Engineering to design and order the installation of justifiable lighting.

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